



# Banks St Stephen's Primary School



## Newsletter

28th November

### LATE DROP OFF'S & EARLY PICKUP'S

Please Note: The school day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.15pm. We seem to have a lot of children who are being dropped off late in the morning and children who are picked up early at night. This causes a lot of disruption both to the office and to the class teacher. Please refrain from picking your child up early unless there is a genuine reason.

## Christian Value for this Half Term: Compassion

### NURSERY

Places are available in our nursery. We are now taking rising three's. Wraparound care is available. Please ask at the school office for details or contact school on 01704 225332

### NEW TODDLER GROUP

New toddler play session for parents and toddlers (stay and play) every Friday in Nursery Class 9.00am - 10.30am. Bring babies too. See school Facebook page for details.

### THE NARNIA EXPERIENCE

All the children had a fabulous time at the Narnia Experience. See last page for message about PG film.

### FARMER TEDS

Thank you to all parents for their contribution to the Nursery/Reception Trip. Just a reminder that all Medical/Consent Forms need to be returned to school A.S.A.P. Your child will not be allowed on the trip unless we receive the form back. If you require another form, please ask at the office.

### NURSERY WINTER CRAFTS

Children in Nursery have been sent home with a letter about a Winter Craft activity on **Monday 2nd December 9:15am-11:15am**, inviting parents/grandparents/carers to join us in class with their child to take part in a variety of craft activities. Please return slips to Mrs Moore so we can let providers know how many people we will have in attendance.

## CHRISTIAN VALUES-TREE PAINTING DAY-

### THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Today the children will be painting wooden leaf, butterfly, children, school logo and Christian value word shapes as well as three tree trunk pieces.

Once all the leaves have been painted and dried the tree will be erected in the School Hall for all to see.

### ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

#### CHRISTMAS FAIR

This will take place on Saturday 30th November from 11.00am - 2.00pm at St Stephen's Social Club. There will be various stalls including Cake stall, Christmas goods, Tombola, Raffle etc. Please come and support us. All proceeds to Church Funds.

### F.O.S.S. DISCO

The F.O.S.S. Disco will now replace the Christmas Fair as previously advertised. The Disco will now be held on Friday 13th December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Stephen's Institute. This is a ticket only event and tickets are limited. Tickets are priced at £1.50 for adults and children (children receive a small gift). There will be a box in the main school office for ticket requests. Ticket requests must be in a sealed envelope with correct money and slip. **Please Note: The school office will not be selling tickets.**

## TARLETON LIBRARY EVENTS

### Christmas Decorations Workshop

Saturday 23 December 10-12

Come along for a special Friends of Tarleton Library craft session where you can make your own Christmas Decorations from recycled materials.

Adults and accompanied children aged 4 and over welcome, no booking required

### Coding Fun

Monday 25 November 16:00-17:00

Learn to code in a fun session with Barclays Digital Eagles

Suitable for ages 7-11

Please bring your own laptop for this session

Places need to be booked in advance with library staff or on the Tarleton Library Eventbrite page

### Story Shed Christmas Stories

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10:30-11:30

The fantastic story-teller from Cedar Farm's Story Shed Tracey Collins is returning to enthrall us with more of her wondrous tales. Perfect to help keep your children entertained in the run up to Christmas

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Evie

Year 1: Elliott

Year 2: Madzia

Year 3: Jack

Year 4: Emilia

Year 5: Will

Year 6: Lucy

## WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Reception: Olivia, Kezia, Poppy

Year 1: Madison

Year 2: Hattie

Year 3: Emma

Year 4: Eilia, Amelia, Kasia

Year 5: Rhys

Year 6: Sophie

## ATTENDANCE

Class 5 had the best attendance in school last week with attendance of 97.02%. Well done!

## HOUSE POINTS

Red House won our weekly House Points Competition with 223 points.

## INTERNATIONAL AID CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Julie from International Aid came to talk to all the children last week about Christmas Shoeboxes (leaflets were in the children's bags). Each class will also make their own shoebox and class teachers will help the children put these together. If you want to make a shoebox at home I will be happy to deliver them to International Aid for you.

Thank you to Lotti-Mae for bringing in the first shoebox. There is a tin in the school office for any cash donations. Please do not put money in the shoebox as this is used for transport costs.

We will take the boxes in the last week of term.

## F.O.S.S. NON UNIFORM DAY

F.O.S.S. are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December. FOSS would like all children to bring bottle donations into school on that day. All donations will be used at the Christmas Fair.

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY**

This will be on Thursday 12th December. All the children can come in Christmas jumpers or tee-shirts.

In the afternoon we will be watching 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. It is a PG with 'mild violence' (a battle scene) and another room, with activities, will be provided for any children who are finding it scary. Hopefully they will all enjoy it!

## **REC & YEAR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT**

The school nurses will be in school on Tuesday 3rd December.

## **BRASS AND CAROLS**

The school choir will be singing at the Evening of Brass and Carols at Banks Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th December.

## **KS1 NATIVITY - ROSIE THE RAT**

This will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm. Tickets will be available on ParentPay soon!

## **EARLY YEARS NATIVITY**

### **'THE CHRISTMAS RECIPE'**

This will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am. Tickets will be available on ParentPay soon!

## **YEAR 5 TRIP TO TARLETON ACADEMY**

Year 5 will be visiting Tarleton Academy to watch their Christmas production on Wednesday 4th December. Please remember your child's packed lunch.

## **ARCHERY**

All KS2 and Year 2 should have brought a flyer home for Archery. Please note: This is a first come first served basis and is limited to 24 children.

## **BOXERCISE**

**Please Note: Boxercise is now cancelled until after Christmas. It will resume again in the New Year**